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Singing

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INTRODUCTION:

1. We are commanded to sing praises unto God.
2. There are only ten verses in all of the New Testament that mentions singing. And not a single one of them mentions that they played upon an instrument.

BODY:

1. LET'S READ ALL OF THE VERSES THAT MENTION SINGING:

- (1) Mt 26:30--"They sung a hymn."
- (2) Mark 14:26--"They sung a hymn."
- (3) Acts 16:25--"Praying and singing hymns."
- (4) Rom 15:9--"For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name."
- (5) 1 Cor 14:15--"I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also."
- (6) Eph 5:19--"speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord."
- (7) Col 3:16--"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God."
- (8) Heb 13:15--"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."
- (9) Heb 12:12--"In the midst of the church will I sing praise to thee."
- (10) Jas 5:13--"Is any merry? Let him sing psalms."

2. Surely if they used instruments in the early church it would have said so in the Bible.

3. Everyone agrees it is all right to sing and not to play. So we are on the safe side when we leave the playing off. It is best that we be safe at all times.

4. THE PURPOSE OF SINGING IS:

- (1) To teach and admonish one another. Col 3:16
- (2) To express joy or cheerfulness. James 5:13
- (3) To praise God. Heb 2:12
- (4) To make melody in our heart unto God. Eph 5:19

5. THE MANNER OF SINGING (THE WAY THAT WE SHOULD SING):

- (1) With grace in your hearts unto God. Col 3:16
- (2) "sing with the spirit and with the understanding." 1 Cor 14:15
- (3) It is to be the fruit of our lips. Heb 13:15

6. WHAT SHOULD WE SING:

- (1) Songs that teach, 246: "I will sing of my redeemer"
248 "I know that my redeemer lives."
- (2) Songs that admonish, 227: "Stand up, stand up for Jesus"
116 "Work for the night is coming"
- (3) Songs of praise, 69: "Praise the Lord" 69
"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah." 77
- (4) Songs of Prayer and thanksgiving: 68 - Count Blessings
23-65 86 - "Thou my Everlasting Portion."
- (5) Songs of invitation:
640 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"
"Just as I am" 605

CONCLUSION:

1. God's word does not tell only a few to sing, but everyone is commanded to sing.
2. God doesn't expect a beautiful voice, but does expect our worship.
3. We should enjoy singing, so let us all try our best to sing every song.